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Longport TownTopics

Celebrating 120 Years
1882 - 2002

July 2002

Family fun for all at the Annual Town Picnic

This year Longport celebrated its 120th birthday since its founding. Approximately 1,200 people came to celebrate our birthday with us at the fifth annual Town Party. The festivities included a surprise concert by the Woodland String Band of Philadelphia. Children also had the option of playing on an inflatable slide or trampoline, as well as getting a pony ride in the back of Borough Hall. There were special treats for all whether it was a soft pretzel, a sugary fluff of cotton candy or a cool snow cone. Some choose a more colorful route by getting their face or arms painted with their choice of design. The disc jockey had both our younger and older participants bopping around, while some children hopped about in the air-filled trampoline. It was a day that inspired smiles all about town. Here is just a sample of all the fun:



The Parisi family enjoys the picnic.



(Left) Many enjoyed dancing with the mummies. (Bottom left) Trotting along with a pony.



(Left) Face painting was a colorful option for some. (Below) Cotton candy delights these two.



Commissioner John Murphy, Mayor Michael Cohen and Commissioner William Fiore pose for a photo.



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Historical Society home and museum, designated as historic building

The Longport Historical Society and Museum building located on Atlantic Avenue, near Borough Hall, was recently designated as a historic building at the June 5th workshop meeting.

The museum is the second building in the borough to be given this designation. The Church of the Redeemer is the first and oldest building in Longport.

The picturesque green and white building has quite a history.

It was built in 1938 by the United States Coast Guard and served as the town's third Coast Guard station. It

served as the station until after World War II. In 1944, the Great Egg Coast Guard Station consolidated with At-



lantic City and the building was no longer used as a station. The borough then pur-

chased the building and it later became the town's second Borough Hall and police station. In 1990, the borough

The historical society museum opened up in the former borough hall building on May 28, 1994.

By designating the building as a historic structure, it qualifies for potential county, state and federal funding and grants for preservation and maintenance.

The museum is open for the remainder of the summer season on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

(Information provided by Founder of the Historical Society and Mayor Michael Cohen's book titled Longport- The Way We Were.)

All American Mile Run, July 4th

Adults and children gathered together to participate in the annual All American Mile Run.

The Atlantic Avenue race begins at 11th Avenue and ends at Pelham Avenue. Awards are given in all age categories.

The run is held every July 4th, along with the police and fire departments' open house.



Allegra Rose Armstrong displays her winning medal with "Fire Dog Natty" after the race.

Borough 2002 Tax Rate Certified

The 2002 General Tax Rate was certified at 93 cents for the Borough of Longport by the Atlantic County Board of Taxation on June 18th.

When broken down into its individual tax payments, the general trend amounts to a decrease in tax levies. This overall decrease, in addition

to a reassessment conducted by the borough, resulted in a tax rate drop from 2001's \$1.31 to this year's rate of 93 cents.

Net county taxes decreased by approximately 15 cents, from a total of 50 cents last year, to a total of 35 cents this year.

Legionnaire Officers Sworn-In





Several members of the American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial post were sworn in as officers on July 10. From left, Commander Samuel Cianci, First Vice Commander Bill Ray, Second Vice Commander Joe Cinquino, Adjutant Joseph M. O'Neal, Finance Officer John F. Murphy, County Commander for the American Legion John Casey, Chaplain Rev. William R. Mulligan, Service Officer Ernest Corleto and Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Viola. The officers were sworn-in to serve the second half of their two-year term.

The post also recently received a plaque for exceeding the legion's "110% Convention Membership Goal" for 2002. Representatives from Post 469 traveled to the American Legion Department Convention in Wildwood where they were honored with a plaque. The plaque is currently on display inside Borough Hall.

Upcoming Events for August

The Longport Historical Society is sponsoring an art show featuring local artists on Sat. Aug. 10th from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m. and continues on Sun. Aug. 11th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Centennial Ballroom, located on the second floor of Borough Hall. An opening reception will be hosted by the society on Aug. 9th from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the same location. There is a \$10 donation for the reception, which replaces the society's annual Dessert Party.



An Irish Concert is scheduled to be held at 7 p.m.  Sun. Aug. 11th at the Fiore Pavilion located  behind Borough Hall near the bay.

A living tribute in memory of Sept. 11th

In memory of all who died in the terrorist attack on the nation September 11, 2001, a living memorial is scheduled to be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 11th at the Krechmer Pavilion located at the foot of the John F. Kennedy Bridge.

Following the ceremony coffee and danish will be served in Totaro Hall at the Church of the Epiphany located at 29th and Ventnor avenues.

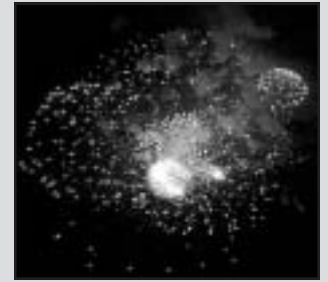


The evergreen tree was planted last year by the borough in tribute to and memory of those that died on September 11th, 2001.

Sending summer out with a bang

Don't miss the farewell to summer fireworks display sponsored by the Longport Historical Society.

The "End of Summer" event is scheduled to start at approximately 9 p.m. or dark Sat. Aug. 31st at the playground located at 33rd and Atlantic avenues.



Longport Night at the Surf

Friday, Aug. 9th is Longport night at the Atlantic City Surf's Sandcastle Stadium. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and the Surf take on Newark. A fireworks display is scheduled to occur after the game. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased at Longport Borough Hall located at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. Those interested in more information may call 823-2731 ext. 119.

End of summer Beach Patrol events

Aug. 17th- Kayak races start 2 p.m. at 28th Avenue and the beach. Sign-ups begin Aug. 16th from noon to 4 p.m. and on race day from noon to 2 p.m.

Sept. 7th- Annual Mascot Races for children ages up to 13 years old. Sign-up at 10:30 a.m., race begins 11 a.m. at

33rd Avenue and the beach.

Water meter readings

The Public Works Department is scheduled to begin water meter readings Aug. 5th. Residents with concerns or questions may call the department by dialing 822-5759.

Newest addition to Longport's finest

Mayor Michael Cohen recently swore in the borough's newest police officer James Silva July 24th in Commission Chambers.



Silva has a **Patrolman James Silva** bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University.

He is also a member of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department.

Silva will begin his police academy training August 12th at the Gloucester County Police Academy and his scheduled graduation date is Dec. 19th.

In a Blaze of Glory



(From left to right) **American Legion Post 469** members William Mellett, Ernest Corleto, Joseph Viola and Joseph Cinquino, along with Linwood Councilwoman Pat Guerrina gathered together on Flag Day to make sure tattered flags were disposed of properly. Guerrina joined the ceremony, bringing with her several flags collected from Linwood.

Swimming into first place

Lifeguard Ross Thomas placed first in the McSweeney-Wark Memorial Ocean Swim at the 31st Annual Longport Memorials July 12th.

The next upcoming event is the South Jersey Lifeguard Championships at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9th in Ventnor.



(From left) Commissioner John Murphy, Beach Patrol Capt. Daniel Adams, Mayor Michael Cohen, Commissioner William Fiore and Beach Patrol Capt. Mike McGrath with swim winner Ross Thomas.

Fun in the Summer Sun



New playground equipment has recently been added to the borough playground located at 33rd and Atlantic avenues. In addition to the many swings, tunnels and slides, a new fish tunnel, rock-climbing wall and fire truck were installed in early June.

Existing equipment also received a spring cleaning, including the replacement of rusty parts, old swing seats and a fresh coat of paint.

The colorful playground by the beach is a special place for many children.

Funding for the recreational equipment is provided by bid money for licensing to vend ice cream on borough beaches and by donations.

Showcasing their talent



The Longport Mothers' Club Summer Day Camp put on a talent show for all to enjoy behind Borough Hall July 17th. Each summer the children put on a delightful presentation.

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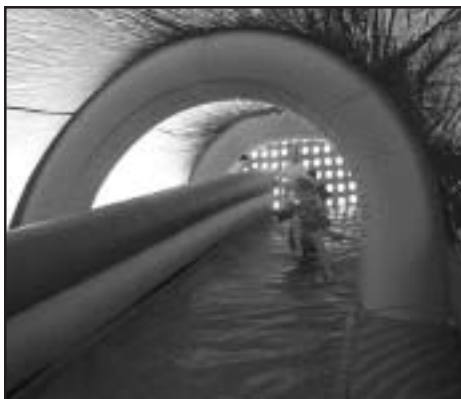
(Above) The Woodland String Band from Philadelphia was a special addition for the borough's 120th birthday.



(Above) Ellen Cohen two-steps with one of the string band mummers.



(Above) Sampling the picnic treats.



(Below) The giant slide was a welcome addition to this year's party.



(Above right) Many children spent the day hopping about in the inflatable car trampoline. Harry Hewson IV, pauses to take a photograph with his father Harry Hewson III.



(Above) Butterfly designs were chosen by these two girls. (Center left) Allison Subranni takes the mike to sing a patriotic song. (Below right) The Blum family gathers together for a group portrait.



A tent full of treasures. . .

The Longport Historical Society held its first ever Treasure Day on the Bay July 21st. The event featured approximately 50 vendors displaying a variety of antiques, crafts and other items for sale. The local PBA provided hamburgers and hot dogs. There was a sampling of Chinese food from Fai's of Longport. The event was such a hit that many have already reserved tables for next year.

(Right) A display of antiques picques interest among several participants.

(Below) Under the tent visitors could purchase an assortment of items. The local garden club had plants and baked goods for sale and the historic society had a display of Longport memorabilia, including shirts, books and post-cards that could be purchased. Local artisans had their wares for sale including pottery, mosaic crafts and photography. Other items included jewelry, video tapes, and other attic treasures.

